

## INITIATIVE 658

I, Ralph Munro, Secretary of State of the State of Washington and custodian of its seal, hereby certify that, according to the records on file in my office, the attached copy of Initiative Measure No. 658 to the People is a true and correct copy as it was received by this office.

1       AN ACT Relating to the Office of State Inspector General; amending  
2       RCW 43.17.020; reenacting and amending RCW 43.17.010; adding a new  
3       section to Chapter 41.06 RCW; and adding a new Chapter to Title 43 RCW.

4       BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5       NEW SECTION.   Sec. 1.   It is the purpose of this chapter to create  
6       an agency to investigate complaints of malfeasance or abuse by  
7       government agencies or employees, and to investigate and enforce fair  
8       and ethical practices by licensees doing business here.

9       The Office of State Inspector General shall work with State  
10      Auditors to review complaints thoroughly and conscientiously, and may  
11      enlist the assistance of volunteers from the public sector, to serve as  
12      interns in preliminary inquiries, to ease the investigative caseload.

13      NEW SECTION.   Sec. 2.   Unless the context clearly requires  
14      otherwise, the definitions in this section apply throughout this  
15      chapter.

16      (1) "Director" means the director of the Office of State Inspector  
17      General.

18      (2) "Office" means the Office of State Inspector General.

19      (3) "fair and ethical practices" means that which does no cheat nor  
20      injure others.

1        NEW SECTION.    Sec. 3.    There is created a department of state  
2 government to be known as the Office of State Inspector General. The  
3 Office is vested with all powers and duties as may be authorized by  
4 law.

5        NEW SECTION.    Sec 4.    The executive head and appointing authority  
6 of the Office is the Director. The Director shall be appointed by the  
7 Governor, with the consent of the Senate, and will be limited to one  
8 five-year term in office. The Director shall be paid a salary in  
9 accordance with RCW 43.03.040. If a vacancy occurs in the position  
10 while the Senate is not in session, the Governor shall make a temporary  
11 appointment until the next meeting of the Senate.

12       NEW SECTION.    Sec 5.    It is the intent of the Legislature wherever  
13 possible to place the internal affairs of the Office under the control  
14 of the Director in order that the Director may institute therein the  
15 flexible, alert and intelligent management of its business. Exercising  
16 supervisory powers over the Office, the Director may create such  
17 administrative structures, and employ such assistants and personnel, as  
18 are deemed necessary for the general administration of the Office.  
19 This employment shall be in accordance with State civil service law,  
20 chapter 41.06 RCW, except as otherwise provided. The Director shall be  
21 responsible for the official acts of the officers and employees of the  
22 Office. It is the intent of the Legislature that the Office of State  
23 Inspector General shall be the people's advocate in guarding and  
24 maintaining their welfare and happiness, and care shall be taken to  
25 employ only those individuals of the highest caliber and motivation.  
26 Any unfounded abuse, neglect of duty, or betrayal of the public trust  
27 by any employee of the Office will be grounds for immediate dismissal,  
28 and/or criminal prosecution.

29       NEW SECTION.    Sec. 6.    It being likely and conceivable that  
30 frivolous, deceitful or malicious complaints might be filed by petty  
31 individuals merely for the sake of harassment or obstruction, the  
32 Office of State Inspector General shall be authorized to require a Bond  
33 from suspect complainants to proceed with an investigation, and/or to  
34 ask that they submit to polygraph examinations on their allegations of  
35 wrongdoing. Obviously frivolous complaints filed shall be prosecutable  
36 under harassment statutes.

1       NEW SECTION.   Sec. 7.   The Director shall appoint a deputy  
2 director, an office personnel director, and such assistant directors as  
3 may be needed to administer the Office. The deputy director shall have  
4 charge and general supervision of the Office in the absence or  
5 disability of the Director and, in case of vacancy in the office of  
6 Director, shall continue in charge of the Office until a successor is  
7 appointed and qualified, or until the Governor appoints an acting  
8 Director.

9       NEW SECTION.   Sec 8.   The Director may appoint such advisory  
10 committees or councils as may be required by federal legislation as a  
11 condition to the receipt of federal funds by the Office. The Director  
12 may also appoint state-wide committees or councils on such subject  
13 matters as come within the Office's responsibilities. State-wide  
14 committees and councils shall have representation from major political  
15 parties, and have substantial consumer representation. Members of such  
16 advisory committees or councils may be paid their travel expenses in  
17 accordance with RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060.

18       NEW SECTION.   Sec 9.   A new section is added to chapter 41.06 RCW  
19 as follows: The provisions of this chapter shall not apply in the  
20 Office of State Inspector General to the Director, the Director's  
21 personal secretary, the deputy director, all division directors and  
22 assistant directors, and one confidential secretary for each of these  
23 officers.

24       NEW SECTION.   Sec. 10.   RCW 43.17.010 and 1993 sp.s. c 2 s 16, 1993  
25 c 472 s 17, and 1993 c 280 s 18 are each reenacted and amended to read  
26 as follows: There shall be departments of the state government which  
27 shall be known as, "...and (16) the Office of State Inspector General".

28       NEW SECTION.   Sec. 11.   RCW 43.17.020 and 1995 1st sp.s. c 2 s 2  
29 are each amended to read as follows: There shall be a chief executive  
30 officer of each department to be known as: "...and (16) the Director  
31 of the Office of State Inspector General".

1        NEW SECTION.    Sec 12.    Sections 1 through 8 of this act shall  
2    constitute a new chapter in Title 43 RCW.

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